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Amendments to the claims

Please amend claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-14 and 16-18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of control of at least one electronic appliance with the aid of a distant remote device such as a remote control comprising means of control and a means of selection of an appliance from amongst several a plurality of appliances, each means of control being associated with a code predefined in the device, each appliance also being associated with a code predefined in the device, said method comprising a step of activating the device in a first mode where the means of control preferentially command the appliance selected by the means of selection, wherein it the method furthermore comprises the steps:

- programming at least one association between a means of control and at least one an appliance of said plurality of appliances,
- activating the device in a first mode where the appliance selected by the means of selection is controlled by the means of control according to associations that are not programmed during the step of programming,
- activating the device in a second mode ee-as-to render active all the associations performed during the programming step, said activating step being triggered by the means of selection, the activation of a means of control in the second mode consisting in transmitting at least the predefined code associated with the activated means of control and the predefined code of at least one appliance associated during the programming step wherein several appliances are controlled by the means of selection according to the associations performed during the programming step, said activating in the second mode being triggered by the means of selection.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method it comprises a step of commanding associations during the programming step prohibiting the programming of prohibited associations.

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3. (Previously Presented) The method of control as claimed in claim 2, wherein an attempt to program a prohibited association triggers the transmission of an alert signal.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method it comprises a step of displaying a visual identifier of an appliance, said step being triggered the visual identifier of an appliance being displayed when the device is in the second mode and when a the user activates a means of control associated with this the appliance.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the programming step comprises a first step of selecting an appliance and a step of selecting several means of control at one and the same time, these, the means of control being associated with this the selected appliance.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the programming step comprises a first step of selecting a means of control and a step of selecting several appliances at one and the same time, these the selected appliances being associated with this the means of control.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the programming step makes it possible to define at least one set of associations, and wherein the method in that it comprises a step of selecting a set of associations making it possible to activate this the set when the device is in the second mode.

8. (Currently Amended) A device for the remote control of a plurality of electronic appliances, comprising means of control and a means of selection of an appliance from among the plurality of electronic appliances, each means of control being associated with a code predefined in the device, each appliance also being associated with a code predefined in the device, the whole collection of means of control commanding in a favored manner the appliance selected by the means of selection,

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wherein it said device comprises:

- a means of programming ~~of at least one associations~~ between at least one means of control and at least one appliance amongst the plurality of appliances,
- a means of activation of the device in a first mode wherein the appliance selected by the means of selection is controlled by the means of control according to associations that are not programmed during the programming,
- a means of activation of the device in a second mode wherein of all the programmed associations programmed are activated and wherein several appliances are controlled by the means of control according to the associations performed so that each associated control commands at least the appliance which is associated therewith by the programming means so that the activation of a means of control triggers the transmission of at least the predefined code associated with the activated means of control and the predefined code of at least one appliance associated by the programming means.

9. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means of programming comprises a means of commanding the associations prohibiting the programming of prohibited associations.

10. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control device it comprises a means of transmitting a visual or audible alert signal during an attempt to program a prohibited association.

11. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the control device it comprises a means of display of an identifier of the appliance, said means being activated when a means of control associated with this the appliance is activated.

12. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means of display of an identifier of the appliance is integrated into the means of selection of an appliance.

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13. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means of programming comprises a means of selection of a means of control and a means of selection of several appliances, so that the means of control selected is associated with each of the appliances selects at least one appliance from the plurality of appliances and then specifies keys of the control means that are associated with the selected appliance.

14. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the programming means selects a key of the means of control to be programmed and then selects appliances to be associated with the selected key comprises a means of selection of an appliance and a means of selection of several means of control, so that the appliance selected is associated with each of the means of control.

15. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control device comprises a touch screen displaying the permitted associations.

16. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein it the control device comprises a means of selection of at least one set of associations, the programming means being adapted to program the set of associations selected by said means, and in that the means of activation activates only the associations of the selected set.

17. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means of selection of an appliance consists of comprises a switch comprising including as many positions as appliances to be commanded plus a position activating the programmed associations.

18. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the means of selection of a set of associations comprises a switch possessing including as many positions as sets, this the means of selecting sets being activated when the means of selection of an appliance (8) is in the position activating the associations.